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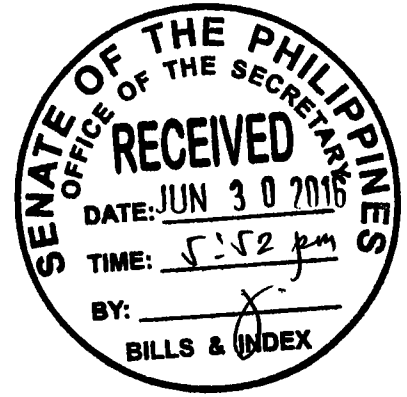
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MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the duty of the State to safeguard the youth from the harmful effects of illegal drugs on their physical and mental well-being. Illegal drug use remains to be one of our nation's most serious social problems. Thus, this bill seeks to provide measures to prevent illegal drug use not only among the youth but also those responsible for their safety and welfare. Under this proposed bill, all educational institutions shall: (1) establish and maintain a program of education designed to help all members of an educational institution to avoid involvement with illegal drugs; and (2) establish and maintain drug counseling and rehabilitation services which shall be made available to all its students and employees.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
8 *assembled:*
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10 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “Drug Abuse Prevention
11 Program in Educational Institutions Act.”
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13 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to promote the health and
14 well-being of the people and the rearing of the youth for nation-building. To this end, it is
15 necessary to provide a program of education on the detrimental effects of the use of
16 illegal drugs designed to help all members of the community of an educational institution
17 and avoid involvement with illegal drugs.
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19 SECTION 3. *Education, Counseling, and Rehabilitation.* All universities, colleges, and
20 schools providing, at least, elementary school and high school education (hereinafter
21 “*educational institutions*”) shall establish and maintain a program of education designed
22 to help all members of its community to avoid involvement with illegal drugs. The
23 educational program shall emphasize the following subjects:
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- 25 A. The incompatibility of the use or sale of illegal drugs with the goals of the
26 institutions;
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- 28 B. The legal consequences of involvement with illegal drugs;
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- 30 C. The medical implications of the use of illegal drugs; and
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- 32 D. The ways in which illegal drugs jeopardize an individual’s present
33 accomplishments and future opportunities.

1 Educational institutions shall establish drug counseling and rehabilitation services which
2 shall be available to all members of the community through campus-based programs and
3 community-based organizations. Persons who voluntarily avail themselves of these
4 services shall be assured that applicable professional standards of confidentiality shall be
5 observed.

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7 SECTION 4. *Implementing and Reporting.* All educational institutions shall submit to the
8 Secretary of Education, hereinafter "*Secretary*", not later than March 1 of every year, a
9 report on campus activities related to illegal drugs for the preceding year. The reports
10 shall include, as a minimum, the following:

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- 12 A. A listing of the major educational activities concerning illegal drugs
13 conducted during the year;
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- 15 B. A report on any illegal drug-related incidents, including any sanctions
16 imposed;
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- 18 C. An assessment of the effectiveness of the campus program; and
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- 20 D. Any proposed changes in the policy on illegal drugs.
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22 SECTION 5. *Model Program Prepared by the Secretary.* The Secretary shall prepare a
23 model program of the program required under Section 3 which shall be distributed to all
24 educational institutions. This program shall serve as the minimum compliance
25 requirement with this Act.

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27 SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Secretary shall promulgate the
28 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act which shall
29 include the appropriate sanctions for non-compliance with this Act. The said rules and
30 regulations shall be promulgated not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the
31 effectivity of this Act. All educational institutions shall comply with this Act not later
32 than one (1) year after the promulgation of the said implementing rules and regulations.

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34 SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or
35 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
36 remain valid and subsisting.

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38 SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
39 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or
40 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
41 accordingly.

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43 SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
44 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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46 Approved,